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DATA ON ROMANIAN OIL INDUSTRY

CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION -- Scanteia, No 1367, 5 Mar 49

The production of crude oil for all Rumanian oil fields averages 2,500 kilograms per well every 6 hours. From 2,500 kilograms of crude oil can be extracted: 800 kilograms of gasoline, which will run a loaded 4-ton truck 2,400 kilometers; 375 kilograms of kerosene, which will permit a caterpillar tractor to plow 15 hectares; 225 kilograms of Diesel fuel, which will run a 10-horsepower Diesel engine for 65 hours; and 1,025 kilograms of fuel oil, which is the amount used by a locomotive in hauling 600 tons 180 kilometers.

FORMER HOLDINGS OF OIL COMPANY LISTED -- Universal, No 61, 15 Mar 49

In 1946, the Astra Roman Oil Company owned or leased 36,752 [sig] hectares of oil lands, divided as follows: 13,233 hectares in Prahova Judet, 5,072 hectares in Dambovitza Judet, 390 hectares in Gorj Judet, 6,124 hectares in Buzau Judet, 28,277 hectares in Bacau Judet, 2,268 hectares in Ramnicul Sarat Judet, and 1,385 hectares in Putna Judet.

In addition to the land held by Astra Romana, a subsidiary of this company, the Soepiro Company, had mining rights on 20,700 hectares. Since nationalization of the petroleum industry, many of the abuses and the corruption which prevailed under the old order have been eliminated, and the oil lands have become a source of wealth aiding the economic stability of Rumania.

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